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Gates said to have sent memo backing Iran sales

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Central Intelligence Agency director-designate Robert Gates agreed to send to the White House a memo in 1985 favoring arms dealings with Iran, and the memo led to the first National Security Council planning for dealings with Iran, the New York Times reported yesterday.



The Times, which cited sources it did not identify, said it **Gates** was not clear what motivated Mr. Gates to send the memo, which was at odds with conclusions reached by most CIA analysts. CIA spokeswoman Kathy Pherson told the paper, "It's our job to pass on different points of view to policymakers."